



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 26.2.601/USA

In re Application of:)
Donald M. White, III et al.)
Serial No. 10/601,313)
Filed June 20, 2003) Group Art Unit 3671
For TWO STAGE SNOWTHROWER) Examiner R. Pezzuto
WITH IMPELLER HOUSING)
BYPASS)

REQUEST FOR INITIALING AND RETURN OF
PTO FORM PTO/SB/08B DATED NOVEMBER 24, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Amendment was filed in the above-identified patent application on November 8, 2004.

An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form PTO/SB/08B, and accompanying Declaration of Jerold F. Patrin were filed in the above-identified patent application on November 24, 2004.

The above-identified patent application was allowed in a Notice of Allowance on January 3, 2005. An accompanying Notice of Allowability stated that this was in a response to "the Amendment filed November 24, 2004". However, the
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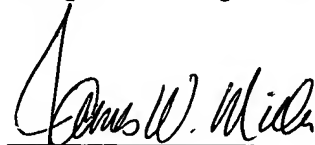

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Amendment was NOT filed on November 24, 2004 but on November 8, 2004. The ONLY paper filed on November 24, 2004 was the Information Disclosure Statement and the accompanying related attachments.

The properly initialed PTO Form PTO/SB/08B was not returned to the undersigned attorney along with the issue papers. This is believed to be an inadvertent oversight as the Examiner expressly noted in the Notice of Allowability that the issuance was responsive to the paper filed on November 24, 2004. In view of the Examiner's reference to the specific date of November 24, 2004, it is believed that the Examiner must have received and reviewed the Information Disclosure Statement as the only way to use this date in the Notice of Allowability was from this paper and not from the earlier filed Amendment.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner correct the above-noted oversight by initialing, if he has not already done so, the PTO Form PTO/SB/08B filed November 24, 2004 to expressly show that the information contained in the Declaration of Jerold F. Patrin was considered, that the properly initialed Form PTO/SB/08B be placed in the record of the above-identified patent application, and that a copy of the properly initialed Form PTO/SB/08B be returned to the undersigned attorney. A copy of this Form PTO/SB/08B is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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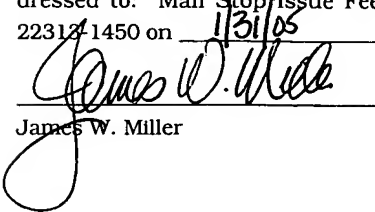
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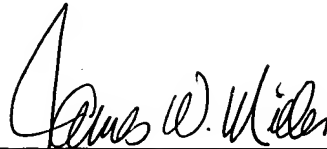
Enclosed are eleven (11) sheets of formal drawings for the above-identified patent application. It is respectfully requested that these drawings be approved and accepted by the Patent and Trademark Office.

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